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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PRODUCTION FOR WORLD MEDICAL USE

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1. AS U.S. INDICATED AT THIRD SPECIAL SESSION CND, WE ARE MOST INTERESTED IN INCREASING PRODUCTION OF OPIATES FROM EXISTING LEGAL PRODUCING AREAS, SUBJECT TO FULLY ADEQUATE CONTROLS. WE ARE UNDER CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM U.S. IMPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS AND FORMULATORS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITIES OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS FOR OPIATE MANU-
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FACTURE BUT OUR POLICY REMAINS ONE OF NOT PRODUCING IN U.S.

AND MEETING U.S. REQUIREMENTS FROM IMPORTS. WE ARE, CONSEQUENTLY, ANXIOUS TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE IN INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THESE AREAS IN ORDER TO MEET EXPANDING DEMAND FOR MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS IN U.S. AND ELSEWHERE IN WORLD.

2. YOUR MOST RECENT REPORT ON INDIAN PRODUCTION PLANS INDICATES THAT UNDER PRESENT PLANS INDIAN SUPPLIES MAY NOT INCREASE SUFFICIENTLY DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO MEET GROWING WORLD REQUIREMENTS. IT WAS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGE-AT THE RECENT GENEVA CND MEETING THAT INCREASED SUPPLIES FROM INDIA COULD ONLY BE ASSURED BY A) AN INCREASE OF ACREAGE IN AREAS THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED, B) AN INCREASE OF PRODUCTION THROUGH PROCESSING OF INCISED POPPY STRAW, C) AN INCREASE OF PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH HIGHER YIELDS OF OPIUM ON EXISTING PLANTINGS.

3. FIRST, AS REGARDS ACREAGE, AS WE STATED AT THE GENEVA MEETING WE SYMPATHIZE WITH AND SUPPORT INDIA'S DETERMINATION TO PLANT ACREAGE ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT EFFECTIVE CONTROLS CAN BE ASSURED. INDIANS TOLD US AT GENEVA THAT IN THEIR VIEW ACREAGE COULD BE GRADUALLY EXTENDED BY 1,000 OR 2,000 HECTARES PER YEAR TO, A PROBABLY MAXIMUM OF ABOUT 55,000 TO 56,000 HECTARES (1974 HECTARAGE IS APPROXIMATELY 52,000). WE HOPE THAT INDIANS WILL SCALE UP THEIR PLANTINGS DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS THEY PROJECTED AT GENEVA.

4. SECOND, AS REGARDS POPPY STRAW PROCESSING, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED AT YOUR REPORT THAT INDIANS ESTIMATE IT WILL BE AT LEAST 3 YEARS BEFORE A POPPY STRAW PROCESSING PLANT COULD BE CONSTRUCTED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT PLANS COULD BE ACCELERATED FOR UTILIZING MORE OF THE INCISED POPPY STRAW, THROUGH EXPORTING THE STRAW OR ITS PROCESSING IN INDIA, IN ORDER TO EXTRACT THE FULL MORPHINE CONTENT AVAILABLE. WE WISH TO KNOW IF THE INDIANS COULD PROCEED MORE RAPIDLY WITH INCISED STRAW PROCESSING IF TECHNICAL OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COULD BE PROVIDED BY OTHER COUNTRIES OR BY INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

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5. THIRD, AS REGARDS INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY OF CURRENT OPIUM PLANTINGS, YOU WILL RECALL THAT INDIANS INDICATED AT GENEVA MEETING THAT THEY WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO, IN FACT WOULD WELCOME, RESEARCH ASSISTANCE FROM UN THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS IN INCREASING OPIUM YIELDS. IN VIEW OF INDIAN POSITION AND IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INDIAN SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH ON POPPY STRAW PROCESSING, THE U.S. SUPPORTED U.N. RESEARCH ASSISTANCE TO INDIA IN INCREASING OPIUM

(MORPHINE) YIELDS IN ITS STATEMENT TO THE CND MEETING, TO WHICH NO OBJECTION WAS TAKEN.

6. FOR NEW DELHI: REQUEST YOU TAKE UP WITH INDIANS THE PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ACTION TO INCREASE AVAILABILITIES FROM INDIAN SUPPLIES FOR INTERNATIONAL MARKET ALONG THREE LINES INDICATED ABOVE.

7. FOR GENEVA: REQUEST YOU ASCERTAIN WHEN U.N. DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS EXPECTS TO BE IN A POSITION TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO INDIA BOTH IN INCREASING OPIUM YIELD AND IN PROCESSING INCISED POPPY STRAW AND EXPRESS URGENCY WHICH U.S. ATTACHES TO RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN BOTH FIELDS. YOU SHOULD ALSO URGE THAT U.N. LABORATORY MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY WITH PROGRAM OF RESEARCH ON OPIUM POPPY, INCISED AND UNINCISED POPPY STRAW AND PAPAVER BRACTEATUM APPROVED AT FEBRUARY CND MEETING. WE TRUST MEETING JULY 10-12 OF PANEL OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS CONVENED AT

LONG LAST BY BRAENDEN WILL ADVANCE THIS RESEARCH PROGRAM.
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